

1. Are Pets Good for Mankind?

YES

GUIDE TO SPEECH——FOR

VIEWPOINTS

make us happy	使我们愉快
keep us in touch with nature	使我们接触自然
faithful and kind companions	忠实善良的伙伴
benefit the children	对儿童有益
benefit the lonely aged	对孤独的老人有益

USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

lovely	可爱的
partner	伙伴
the lonely aged	孤独的老人
selfish	自私的
cheerful	快乐的
loving	有爱心的

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VIEWPOINTS

a waste of time and food	浪费时间和食物
carry disease	携带疾病
eat better than human beings do	吃得比人好
against nature to chain pets	拴住宠物有违自然规律
make noises	制造噪音
diminish a person's ideal of life and work	玩物丧志

USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

cute	伶俐可爱的
electronic pet	电子宠物
mouse (pl. mice)	老鼠
orangutan	猩猩
scaring	令人害怕的
hydrophobia	狂犬病

abandon

抛弃

natural habitat

天然栖息地

play with pets all day long

整天和宠物玩耍



Reference Speech



Elementary —— C 级

FOR

Of course pets are good for mankind. They are lovely and can make us happy.

Nowadays, each family has only one child. The child may not have a partner for any game. And his dad and mom don't allow him to go out. But he can make friends with a dog or a cat.

For those lonely people, pets are even great companions. That's why we often see old people walk with a dog or a cat.

Also, pets keep us in touch with nature when most of us live in large cities. I have a dog. I like him very much.

AGAINST

Keeping pets! What a terrible idea! They are too dirty. And it's just a waste of time and food.

In addition, some animals are noisy. Our life is full of noise already. Why should we make more?

Yes, children like pets very much, but they tend to play with them all day long and forget their homework. They may feed the pets before having dinner.

Sometimes animals eat much better food than human beings do. We shouldn't forget this world has a lot of hungry people, especially in Africa.

If I have the time, I will study; if I have the food, I will keep it for myself.

~~Intermediate~~ — B级

FOR

Why shouldn't we keep pets? Pets, such as dogs, cats and birds are extraordinarily lovely. Few people can resist their attrac-

tion. They can play with you or even talk to you. I know a few people that can understand animals' language.

Children benefit a lot from pets, since they have no brothers or sisters. When they feel lonely, they play with them.

Besides, children can also learn how to take care of others by looking after a pet at home. They will not be as selfish as children without pets.

As for those lonely aged, pets are faithful and kind companions rather than mere animals. Dogs can even save people in times of danger. Did you ever read a story of a dog saving his master?

AGAINST

I can't understand those who keep pets. Is it necessary to keep pets?

I do think that some pets are lovely, but no matter how cute they are, they are animals. Nobody has seen any animal that's clean. Some animals carry diseases.

Feeding and playing with pets waste some of our time. It is reported that some students care so much about their electronic pets that they lost interests in study.

Electronic pets have gathered such attention, let alone real pets.

I hear that a rich man feeds his dog meat for every meal. The three meals cost more than three meals for a person. I'm afraid he loves his dog too much. We should not forget that there are thousands of people waiting for food in the world.

I won't keep any pets. I'd rather keep a flower garden.



Advanced——A 级

FOR

We all need companions to keep us happy. Pets, like dogs and cats, are such companions. They are friendly to us in any situations.

Families with only one child and old people who live by themselves need pets more than anyone else.

I am a teacher. I am not old yet. But I feel I need my dog. I talk with him. He smiles at me. He smiles even when I shout at him. He is more understanding than my wife, I dare say.

Experiments show that selfish children don't have a dog or a cat and children who care for others usually have a dog or a cat. The animals teach our children to love others. They teach the kids

to be loving, understanding, cheerful and intelligent.

我们需要有个伴儿能让我们高兴。而宠物，比如狗和猫就是很好的伴儿。在任何情况下，它们对我们都很友好。

独生子女的家庭和独居的老人们比任何人都需要宠物。

我是个老师。年龄还不算老。但我也觉得我需要狗。我和它讲话。它则对我笑。即使我大声呵斥它，它仍对我微笑。我敢说它比我妻子还要善解人意。

实验证明自私的孩子通常都没有养猫或狗，而关心别人的孩子都养猫或狗。动物教会孩子们去关心他人，也教会他们有爱心、善解人意、快乐和聪明。

AGAINST

However cute they are, animals are animals. I would rather do anything than keep an animal at home. I can not understand those who keep pets, especially those who keep terrible animals such as mice, or orangutans, or even snakes as their pets. How can I imagine I had one of those scaring things at home!

The growing number of pets around the world has caused serious hygiene problems that can hardly be solved. Hydrophobia is a case in point. Numerous human beings are suffering from diseases of this kind and an enormous amount of money is being spent on these diseases.

As a matter of fact, those who keep pets don't always treat their pets with kindness. They sometimes abandon their pets when

they go away on holiday and are unable to take the pets along with them.

And it's really against nature to cage birds, chain dogs and keep cats within the house. Pets are animals. They should be seen in their natural habitat rather than in the homes of human beings.

I have a friend named Robert. He has a dog. He sleeps with the dog. One day, he felt ill. The doctor told him it was a strange disease and he should not have the dog, otherwise he would die anytime.

无论它们多么聪明 动物终归是动物。我什么都可以做 就是不愿在家里养宠物。我实在不理解那些养宠物的人，尤其是把那些可怕的动物 如老鼠、猩猩甚至蛇当宠物来养的人。我实在不敢想像家里有这些可怕的东西会是什么样子！

世界上越来越多的宠物已经带来了难以解决的卫生问题。最典型的例子就是狂犬病。无数人染上了这类病，花费大量的钱来治这些病。

实际上，那些养宠物的人也不总是对宠物很好。有时他们要外出度假 不能带上宠物时 他们就经常对宠物置之不理。

此外 将鸟关在笼子里、用链子拴狗、把猫丢在家里都是有违自然规律的。宠物也是动物。它们应该呆在它们天然的栖息地，而不是在人类的房子里。

我有个朋友叫罗伯特，他有一只狗。他连睡觉都和狗在一起。一天 他病了。医生说 he 得了一种很奇怪的病 而且他不能再养狗了 否则他随时会死。

2. Should We Give Beggars Money?

YES



GUIDE TO SPEECH—FOR

VIEWPOINTS

Beggars are human beings too.

乞丐也是人。

die of hunger

饿死

should be respected

应该受到尊重

A penny is everything to them.

一分钱对他们很重要。

We feel helpful and happy.

有助于人，便觉得快乐。



USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

publicly

当众地

disabled

生理有缺陷的

curse

谩骂

civilized

文明的

every walk of life

社会的各个层面

poverty

贫穷

pride

自尊

ragged

衣衫褴褛的

fishwife

粗野的女人

insult

侮辱 冒犯

homeless

无家可归的

grudge

不愿给 吝惜



Should We Give Beggars Money?

NO

GUIDE TO SPEECH—AGAINST

VIEWPOINTS

be of no use to help a few of them

帮几个人是没用的

pretend to be poor to win our sympathies

装穷博得我们的同情

We are not millionaires or philanthropists.

我们不是百万富翁或慈善家。

go to the charity institutions for help

求助于慈善机构

Alms-giving would encourage begging.

施舍会鼓励行乞。

USEFUL WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

alms-giving

施舍 周济

decent

体面的

municipal government

地方政府

sympathize with

同情 怜悯

easy money

别人的施舍，容易得到的钱

wealthy	富裕的
endeavor	努力
go from hand to mouth	仅供养家糊口
buck	一块钱
pager	寻呼机
beep	寻呼机发出声音



Reference Speech



Elementary —— C 级

FOR

Every time when I see the beggars in the streets, I give them a little money. Beggars are human beings too. They don't want to beg publicly of course. They will die of hunger or coldness if they don't get some money.

We should help beggars as much as we can. We should give more help to those disabled beggars, old beggars, and children beggars. They may die anytime without our help.

I wish I were a millionaire so that I could help all beggars in the world.

AGAINST

Did you ever see a beggar stopping a man or woman and beg? The beggar wouldn't allow the man or woman to leave till he or she gave a little money. So, walking on the street is sometimes troublesome.

I don't think we should give beggars money.

Firstly, there are thousands of beggars in a city. We can give one some money but what about the second and third and hundredth beggars? What about tomorrow and the day after tomorrow?

Secondly, beggars should ask for food only. But modern beggars are interested in your purse only. And some beggars are not pleased with small money.

Thirdly, I doubt whether all beggars are real ones. A real beggar is a person that cannot support himself in any decent way. But as far as I know, some beggars are very rich. Begging is their profession. This job earns them more than we do though we have a better job.

I hope there will be fewer and fewer beggars in the world.